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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Develop  
and Adopt Fire-Threat Maps and  
Fire-Safety Regulations.

Rulemaking 15-05-006  
(Filed May 7, 2015)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING DIRECTING THE  
FIRE SAFETY TECHNICAL PANEL TO CONVENE WORKSHOPS  
REGARDING THE FIRE MAP 2 WORK PLAN**

**Summary**

This ruling directs the Fire Safety Technical Panel (Panel) to convene a public workshop within 20 days for the purpose of preparing a detailed work plan for the development, adoption, and implementation of Fire Map 2. Thereafter, the Panel shall convene public workshops biweekly, and more frequently if necessary, until the Fire Map 2 Work Plan is complete.

**Background**

Order Instituting Rulemaking (OIR) 15-05-006 and Decision (D.) 16-05-036 require the Panel, following the adoption of Fire Map 1 by D.16-05-036, to convene as soon as practical to prepare a detailed work plan for the development, adoption, and implementation of Fire Map 2.<sup>1</sup> For example, D.16-05-036 states at Ordering Paragraph 3:

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<sup>1</sup> OIR 15-05-006 at 12-13 and D.16-05-036 at 25-26 and Ordering Paragraph 3.

The Fire Safety Technical Panel (Panel) shall convene as soon as practical to prepare a detailed work plan for the development, adoption, and implementation of Fire Map 2. All parties may participate on the Panel. The Panel shall be co-chaired by the Commission's Safety and Enforcement Division (SED), Southern California Edison Company (SCE), and any other parties designated by SED and SCE. The Panel shall follow the same process that was used to prepare the Fire Map 1 Work Plan that is attached to Decision 14-01-010 unless directed otherwise by the assigned Commissioner and/or the assigned Administrative Law Judge. The Fire Map 2 Work Plan shall address:

- i. The matters identified in the *Assigned Commissioner's Amended Scoping Memo and Ruling* that was issued in Rulemaking 08-11-005 on May 15, 2013, at 10-12, to the extent these matters pertain to Fire Map 2.
- ii. Validation of Fire Map 1 against historical fires.
- iii. Incorporating into Fire Map 2 additional factors and conditions that affect fire hazards associated with overhead utility facilities generally and at specific locations (e.g., Laguna Beach). Such factors and conditions may include the parties' knowledge of (A) terrain; (B) vegetation (e.g., potential contact between trees and power lines in low-wind areas); (C) areas designated as high hazard zones pursuant to the Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency issued on October 30, 2015; (D) microclimates; (E) historical power-line fires besides the October 2007 fires in Southern California (e.g., the September 2015 Butte Fire in Amador and Calaveras Counties); (F) other historical fires; and (G) other factors and conditions.
- iv. Other matters deemed appropriate by the parties.

It has been nearly 50 days since D.16-05-036 was issued on May 27, 2016. During that time, it does not appear that the Panel convened for the purpose of preparing the Fire Map 2 Work Plan.

## **Ruling**

The Panel co-Chairs and/or their designees shall convene a public workshop within 20 days from the date of this ruling for the purpose of preparing a detailed work plan for the development, adoption, and implementation of Fire Map 2. The Panel shall continue to hold public workshops biweekly, and more frequently if necessary, until the Fire Map 2 Work Plan is complete.<sup>2</sup>

Every workshop shall be open to the public and noticed in the Commission's Daily Calendar at least 10 days in advance of the workshop. The notice in the Daily Calendar shall inform the public that a decision-maker or an advisor may be present at the workshop.<sup>3</sup> Parties shall check the Daily Calendar regularly for such notices.

### **IT IS RULED that:**

1. The Fire Safety Technical Panel (Panel) shall convene a public workshop within 20 days from the date of this ruling for the purpose of preparing a detailed work plan for the development, adoption, and implementation of Fire Map 2. Thereafter, the Panel shall convene public workshops biweekly, and more frequently if necessary, until the Fire Map 2 Work Plan is complete.

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<sup>2</sup> The workshops may be held at a physical location, a virtual location (*e.g.*, Webex), or a combination of the two.

<sup>3</sup> The Daily Calendar notices should state that decision-makers and/or advisors may attend; provide the date, time, and place of the workshop; identify the means for public attendance (*e.g.*, call-in telephone number); include an agenda or description of the workshop; and provide a contact person for any questions.

2. The workshops required by this ruling shall be open to the public and noticed in the Commission's Daily Calendar at least 10 days in advance of the workshop. The contents of the notice in the Daily Calendar shall conform to the requirements specified in the body of this ruling.

Dated July 14, 2016, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ TIMOTHY KENNEY

Timothy Kenney  
Administrative Law Judge